

House Study Bill 631

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the standardized training and state
2 certification of reserve peace officers.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 80D.1A, Code 2005, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 80D.1A DEFINITIONS.
1 4 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
1 5 requires:
1 6 1. "Academy" means the Iowa law enforcement academy.
1 7 2. "Council" means the Iowa law enforcement academy
1 8 council.
1 9 ~~1- 3.~~ "Minimum training course" means a curriculum of ~~one~~
~~1 10 hundred fifty hours of training and instruction required for~~
~~1 11 certification as a reserve peace officer, excluding weapons~~
~~1 12 training basic training requirements developed by the academy~~
~~1 13 pursuant to the academy's rulemaking authority that a reserve~~
~~1 14 peace officer must complete within a prescribed time period to~~
~~1 15 become state certified as a reserve peace officer. The~~
~~1 16 minimum training course does not include required weapons~~
~~1 17 training.~~
1 18 2- 4. "Reserve force" means an organization of reserve
1 19 peace officers established as provided in this chapter.
1 20 3- 5. "Reserve peace officer" means a volunteer,
1 21 nonregular, sworn member of a law enforcement agency who
1 22 serves with or without compensation, has regular police powers
1 23 while functioning as a law enforcement agency's
1 24 representative, and participates on a regular basis in the law
1 25 enforcement agency's activities including crime prevention and
1 26 control, preservation of the peace, and enforcement of law.
1 27 Sec. 2. Section 80D.3, Code 2005, is amended to read as
1 28 follows:
1 29 80D.3 TRAINING STANDARDS.
1 30 1. Each person appointed to serve as a reserve peace
1 31 officer shall satisfactorily complete a minimum training
1 32 course as ~~provided in this section established by academy~~
~~1 33 rules.~~ In addition, if a reserve peace officer is authorized
1 34 to carry weapons, the officer shall satisfactorily complete
1 35 the same training course in the use of weapons as is required
2 1 for basic training of regular peace officers by the ~~Iowa law~~
~~2 2 enforcement~~ academy. The minimum training course for reserve
2 3 peace officers ~~must shall~~ be satisfactorily completed within
2 4 ~~four years from the date of appointment the time period~~
~~2 5 prescribed by academy rules. If reserve Academy=approved~~
~~2 6 reserve peace officer training received before July 1, 1990,~~
~~2 7 meets the requirements of this section, the training 2006, may~~
~~2 8 be applied to meet the minimum training course requirements of~~
~~2 9 this section established by academy rules.~~
2 10 2. A reserve peace officer who does not carry a weapon
2 11 shall not be required to complete a weapons training course,
2 12 but the officer shall comply with all other training
2 13 requirements.
2 14 3. A person appointed to serve as a reserve peace officer,
2 15 who has received basic training as a peace officer and has
2 16 been certified by the ~~Iowa law enforcement~~ academy pursuant to
2 17 chapter 80B and rules adopted pursuant to chapter 80B, may be
2 18 exempted from completing the minimum training course at the
2 19 discretion of the appointing authority, ~~if the officer meets~~

2 20 one of the following qualifications:

~~2 21 a. The appointee is serving as a regular peace officer
2 22 with a bona fide law enforcement agency when the application
2 23 for a reserve peace officer appointment is made.
2 24 b. The appointee has served as a regular peace officer
2 25 with a bona fide law enforcement agency within three years of
2 26 the date of application for appointment as a reserve peace
2 27 officer. However, such a person appointed to serve as a
2 28 reserve peace officer shall meet mandatory in-service training
2 29 requirements established by academy rules if the person has
2 30 not served as an active peace officer within one hundred
2 31 eighty days of appointment as a reserve peace officer.~~

2 32 4. The minimum training course required for a reserve
2 33 peace officer shall be conducted pursuant to sections 80D.4
2 34 and 80D.7, and the following training schedule:

~~2 35 a. During the first year, thirty hours of general law
3 1 enforcement training is required as provided in section 80D.4
3 2 and as prescribed by the Iowa law enforcement academy council.
3 3 If weapons are to be carried, a reserve peace officer shall
3 4 complete a weapons training course having the same number of
3 5 hours of training as is required of regular peace officers in
3 6 basic training pursuant to section 80D.7.~~

~~3 7 b. During the second through the fourth year, forty hours
3 8 of training shall be provided each year. Ten hours annually
3 9 shall be obtained by each reserve peace officer working with a
3 10 regular peace officer. The remaining thirty hours annually
3 11 shall be selected by the appointing authority from the
3 12 approved basic training curriculum established by the Iowa law
3 13 enforcement academy for use in training regular peace
3 14 officers.~~

~~3 15 c. Notwithstanding the time schedule provided in this
3 16 subsection, a A person is eligible for state certification as
3 17 a reserve peace officer upon satisfactory completion of the
3 18 one hundred fifty hours of training required for certification
3 19 and testing requirements specified by academy rules. A
3 20 reserve peace officer enrolled in an academy-approved minimum
3 21 course of training prior to July 1, 2006, shall obtain state
3 22 certification by July 1, 2009.~~

3 23 Sec. 3. Section 80D.4, Code 2005, is amended to read as
3 24 follows:

3 25 80D.4 TRAINING.

3 26 Training for individuals appointed as reserve peace
3 27 officers shall be provided by ~~that law enforcement agency, but~~
~~3 28 may be obtained academy-certified instructors in a community
3 29 college or other facility, including a law enforcement agency,
3 30 selected by the individual and approved by the law enforcement
3 31 agency and the academy. Upon satisfactory completion of
3 32 training required by the Iowa law enforcement academy, the
3 33 chief of police, sheriff, commissioner of public safety, or
3 34 director of the judicial district department of correctional
3 35 services academy shall certify the individual as a reserve
4 1 peace officer.~~

4 2 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 80D.4A TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION
4 3 REQUIREMENTS.

4 4 The director of the academy, subject to the approval of the
4 5 council, shall promulgate rules in accordance with the
4 6 provisions of this chapter and chapter 17A, giving due
4 7 consideration to varying factors and special requirements of
4 8 law enforcement agencies relative to the standardized training
4 9 and state certification of reserve peace officers.

4 10 EXPLANATION

4 11 This bill relates to standardized training and
4 12 certification standards for reserve peace officers in Iowa.

4 13 The bill provides that a standardized training and state
4 14 certification for reserve peace officers shall be established
4 15 by the Iowa law enforcement academy pursuant to the academy's
4 16 rulemaking authority. The bill provides that the director of
4 17 the academy, subject to the approval of the council, shall
4 18 promulgate such rules, giving due consideration to varying
4 19 factors and special requirements of law enforcement agencies
4 20 relative to the standardized training and state certification
4 21 of reserve peace officers. Current law allows a law
4 22 enforcement agency to which a reserve peace officer has been
4 23 appointed to provide reserve peace officer training, and
4 24 provides that a person may be certified as a reserve peace
4 25 officer by the academy, chief of police, sheriff, commissioner
4 26 of public safety, or director of the judicial district
4 27 department of correctional services.

4 28 The bill further specifies that academy-approved reserve
4 29 officer training received prior to July 1, 2006, may be
4 30 applied to meet the minimum training requirements established

4 31 by academy rules and that a peace officer is eligible for
4 32 state certification as a reserve peace officer upon
4 33 satisfactory completion of the requirements specified by
4 34 academy rules. A reserve peace officer appointed after July
4 35 1, 2006, shall obtain state certification consistent with the
5 1 provisions of the bill.

5 2 The bill provides that a person appointed to serve as a
5 3 reserve peace officer shall meet mandatory in-service training
5 4 requirements established by academy rules if the person has
5 5 not served as an active peace officer within 180 days of
5 6 appointment as a reserve peace officer.

5 7 The bill provides that reserve peace officer training shall
5 8 be provided by an academy-certified instructor in a community
5 9 college or other approved facility, including a law
5 10 enforcement agency.

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